

## Abuse, Neglect, & Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults

# FACE IT. IT'S A CRIME.

#### **Abuse**

### What Are The Signs?

#### **Neglect**

- Unexplained bruises or welts
- Multiple bruises in various stages of healing
- Unexplained fractures, abrasions, and lacerations
- Multiple injuries
- Low self-esteem or loss of self determination
- Withdrawn, passive
- Fearful

- Dehydration
- Malnourishment
- Inappropriate or soiled clothes
- Over medicated or under medicated
- Deserted or abandoned
- Lack of glasses, dentures or other aides if usually worn
- Unattended

#### Self-Neglect

- Over/under medication
- Social isolation
- Malnourishment or dehydration
- Unkempt appearance
- Lack of glasses, dentures, or hearing aides, if needed
- Failure to keep doctor, dentist appointments

#### **Exploitation**

- Disappearance of possessions
- Forced to sell house or change one's will
- Overcharged for home repairs
- Inadequate living environment
- Unable to afford social activities
- Forced to sign over control of finances
- No money for food or clothes

Utah law mandates any person who has reason to believe that a vulnerable adult is being abused, neglected, or exploited must immediately notify Adult Protective Services intake or the nearest law enforcement office.

To report elder & vulnerable adult abuse please call:

Salt Lake County (801) 264-7669



Statewide 1-800-371-7897